

REMARKS

The Examiner's Action mailed on November 15, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully considered. After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 2, 4-10, 12, and 14-20 remain pending in this application. In this Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 2, 4, 5-6, 8, 10, 12, 14-16, 18, and 20, and cancelled claims 1, 3, 11 and 13. Claims 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 16, 18, and 20 are independent claims. For at least the following reasons, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that claims 5-10 and 15-20 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 16, 18, and 20 have been amended into independent form to include the features of the claims from which they depend. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the independent claims 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 16, 18 and 20 are now in condition for allowance. In addition, claims 2, 4, 7, 9, 12, 14, 17, and 19 are allowable since they respectively depend from claims 6, 8, 16 and 18, as well as for the additional features recited therein.

Claims 11-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by *Huang et al.* (US Patent No. 5,897,825). Claims 11 and 13 have been cancelled, and claim 12 and 14 have been amended to be respectively dependent from the allowable claims 16 and 18. The rejection therefore no longer is applicable and accordingly should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over *Philips et al.* (US Patent No. 5,792,550). Claims 1 and 3 have been cancelled, and claim 2 and 4 have been amended to be respectively dependent from the allowable claims 6 and 8. The rejection therefore no longer is applicable and accordingly should be withdrawn.

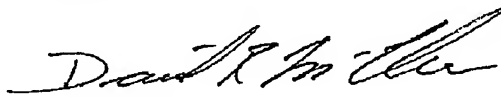
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all pending claims are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this amendment and response to Office Action. If, however, any fee is believed to be due, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account No. 20-0778.

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